

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
November 10, 2016

Clewiston High School Public Safety Academy, having raised funds to make this possible, will hold a dedication and unveiling of the Fallen Soldier Memorial at their annual Veterans' Day Program on Friday, November 11th at 10am at the Civic Park.

Dates to Remember

November 11, 2016 – Veterans' Day – City Offices Closed
November 14, 2016 – Clewiston Public Library Advisory Board Meeting
November 17, 2016 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting
November 17, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop
November 21, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Library Director Barrett reports:

- The senior computer class is doing well. Our seniors are very grateful for this opportunity to catch up with the rest of the world, technologically (lol). The library thanks JD, our IT specialist for helping out with this program. He is truly a treasure. We want to thank Good Wheels also for the extra mile they go to bring these residents to our library.
- *Florida Roadkill* author Tim Dorsey, will be here doing a book signing in our library on November 17, 2016 at 6 PM. Click here to see him on tour: <http://timdorsey.com/tour2016.htm>. Hope our attendance is as good as the ones he's had before.
- Happy Veterans' Day.
- For further questions, the Library's telephone number is 863-983-1493. You can also visit our website at www.hendrylibraries.org for more information and like us at www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary.

Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:

- Get all Clewiston Golf Course news. Visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov and sign up under Constant Contact. You will automatically be put on the golf course e-mail.
- Get your grips re-done. Contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Golf lessons are available. Contact Robbie Rush at 863-983-1448.
- This week greens were top-dressed.
- Play is starting to pick up here at the golf course. Tee times are required.
- Clewiston Golf Course has Sun Mountain Golf Bags, Titleist 917 Drivers, Imperial Logo Hats, Golf Buddy Range Finders, Tervis Tumblers, Ping Irons, Ping Woods, Putters,

Wedges, Donald Ross Men's Shirts, Greg Norman Collection Women's Clothes and Outerwear for both men and women.

- Golf Course staff can get anything for you that pertains to golf. You can find great **Christmas Gifts** here in the golf shop.
- Remember the Clewiston Golf Course Facebook Website has a lot of info and great pictures. Check it out.
- The Clewiston Golf Course is now open on Mondays for the Fall and Winter season.
- Golf carts must now be in by 5:45 pm for the Fall and Winter season. First tee time every day is 7:30 am.

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- **LEAGUES ARE FORMING NOW!** If you are interested in participating in a Youth Basketball, Adult Kickball and/or Co-Ed Softball league, contact Andre at 983-1492...
- CHS Tiger Football returns to Cane Field Friday Nov. 11th against Miami Edison in the 1st round of District Playoffs...Kick-Off is 7:30pm... GO TIGERS!
- D.I.M.E. will host their annual Fashion Show at the John Boy Auditorium on Saturday Nov. 12th at 6pm.
- CHS Ladies Soccer will play on Thursday Nov. 17th against Oasis on Soccer West at Sugarland Sports Complex at 6:00pm Varsity... GO TIGERS!
- Mulch has been spread at Civic Park and the surrounding areas. This project will be completed in the City Commons Parks early next week.
- AYSO Soccer continues to play regular season games at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- The Splash Pad will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 3-5pm, Thursdays from 10am-Noon and Saturday/Sundays from 9am-7pm.
- Staff has been working with "Hendry County Smoke Free Partnership" to host a Turkey Trot at the Levee Park on Nov. 17th beginning at 5:30pm by the bathrooms. Check our Fb page and website for more information...
- **UPCOMING** Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - Nov. 11th – CHS Tiger Football vs. Miami Edison 7:30pm Cane Field 1st round of District Playoffs
 - Nov. 12th – D.I.M.E. Fashion Show 6-10pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Nov. 13th – Birthday Party Noon-6pm Trinidad Park
 - Nov. 14th – USSC Luncheon 10am-2pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Nov. 17th – Hendry County Smoke Free Partnership "Turkey Trot" 5:30pm Levee Park
 - Nov. 17th – CHS Lady Soccer vs Oasis 6pm Sugarland Sports Complex
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- **Mosquito Control:** Trap counts: Okeechobee Blvd. 300, Landing Rate 25; Berner Road 50 (wind) Landing Rate 5; Harlem 150 (wind) Landing rate 50. Weather permitting the contractor is spraying the entire city. Staff is still hitting protected areas where mosquitoes are harboring. Special attention is given to the football field and marinas.
- **Street Maintenance:** (1) Staff power washed the sidewalks in the park and on Bond Street. (2) Okeechobee Blvd. just off of Francisco was repaired this week. (3) Plant

material was delivered and planted at the Golf Course and City Hall. (4) Staff placed 6 yards of Red Mulch in the Park; the Solider Memorial was installed; light poles were painted; and all around spiffing up was done as we make preparations for the Veterans' Day Program on Friday.

- Facility Maintenance: (1) General maintenance on buildings.
- The Mowing Contract will be out for bid on November 17, 2016. Packets can be picked up at City Hall. There will be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on November 29, 2016 at 2:00 pm in Commission Chambers.
- Christmas decorations will begin to go up next week.
- Safety Meeting: Public Works staff, Electric staff and Water staff had a safety meeting on November 9th at the Operations Building. Hand and finger safety was the topic.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- A local business owner contacted the Police Department regarding a counterfeit bill that a customer attempted to pass over the weekend. Thanks to a vigilant employee the counterfeit bill was caught prior to services or goods being rendered, and upon closer inspection it was noted that the bill was marked "For Motion Picture Use Only". The Police Department would like to remind everyone, especially our businesses, to be observant and take the extra few seconds to check the bills you are receiving.
- Recreation Department Staff reported they discovered that a soccer goal had been stolen from the Sugarland Park area. The Police Department is asking anyone that may have information regarding this theft or the whereabouts of the soccer goal to please contact us.
- **Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:**
 - 977 Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 413 Complaints Investigated
 - 17 Arrests
 - 25 Traffic Citations
 - 55 Merchant Escorts
 - 8 Alarms Responded To
 - 32 Red Light Camera Violations
 - 7 Traffic Accident Investigations

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Water Sewer Activities
 - Repaired water breaks on East Crescent and South Bond; changed meters
 - Smoke tested sewer lines and service on north side of town
 - Lift Station Maintenance: Located and cleaned all manholes on Esperanza lift station; read all lift stations
 - Ran new water service across alley at Obispo and San Pedro and cut old service
- Electric Activities
 - Completed new service for US Corp of Engineers
 - Pulled old pole at park
 - Repaired several street lights and trimmed trees throughout service area
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You

may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at any time through the same link.

- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call our office.
- **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION!** Visit our office today.
- **ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE** on our web site at www.clewiston-fl.gov or www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS: Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:

- 1) Clewiston Utilities will **NEVER** request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.
- 2) Clewiston Utilities will **NEVER** contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.
- 3) Clewiston Utilities will **NEVER** speak to our customers in a threatening tone.

If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.